

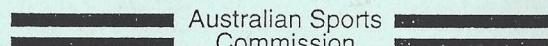
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AUSTRALIAN WOMENS SOCCER ASSOCIATION

National Senior Championships

Jack McLaughlin Oval
Edgeworth September 21 - 27



Lake Macquarie

Hosted by
Northern NSW Soccer Federation

1997

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Betty Hoar	10-9-1986
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message from **AWSA President**

It is my pleasure to welcome players, officials and spectators to the 1997 Australian Women's Soccer Association National Senior Championships in Newcastle.

We have just enjoyed one of the most exciting years in our sport's short history. The Olympic champions - the US Women's National Team - visited our shores for the first time and won the Ram Cup after three entertaining matches against our national team.

Consecutive record crowds of 3,852 and 4,168 for the last two matches surely surpassed the expectations of all involved in the sport.

The Ansett Australia Summer Series was launched in December and proved to be crucial preparation for our National Team players who have been thrust into a hectic international calendar. The National League also provides a clear development avenue for players, coaches, referees and administrators that we hope will continue long after celebrations in Sydney 2000 are over.

The ITC Programs provide elite training for emerging players and are linked to "feeder" programs to identify talented junior players. These programs work in tandem with our long standing National Championship structure as a pathway for young players to achieve their sporting ambitions.

The cornerstone of our development program is the tremendous support of the Australian Sports Commission structure as a pathway for young players to achieve their sporting ambitions.

I am sure the faith of the Commission will be rewarded as Australia continues to produce world class players in the future. I am equally sure that some of those players are representing this week.

I wish all supporters of our game a tremendous week as we enjoy the showcase of our best soccer talent.

Dennis O'Brien, President



NATIONAL SENIOR
CHAMPIONSHIPS

message from **the President**

On behalf of the Board of Northern New South Wales I would like to welcome all players, officials and spectators to the Hunter Valley for the 1997 Opens Championships.

Newcastle is celebrating its Bicentenary and it is appropriate that the championships are being held in the birthplace of Australian football. Northern New South Wales has a proud history of producing international players, both male and female, and we look forward to seeing our future internationals in action over the next week.

Good luck to all and enjoy your time in Newcastle.

Bill Walker, President

message from AWSA Chief Executive Officer

Participants in the 1997 AWSA National Senior Championship are participating in an era of opportunity that could not have been imagined a decade ago.

As I write this message, our senior national team has just returned from a month long tour of Europe that included seven full internationals against Sweden, Hungary, The Netherlands, Belgium, Estonia, Finland and Norway.

The "Matildas" will soon prepare for a series on home soil against Atlanta Silver Medallists China in November. The second year of the Ansett Australia Summer Series will then lead into the first full time residential program for women's soccer at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The AIS Program will launch the build up to the World Cup Qualifiers in October next year and the USA 1999 World Cup and Sydney 2000 Olympics.

It is worth remembering that opportunities now available to players extend well beyond a place in the coveted senior team and include both the chance to compete at Youth International level and in the National League as part of the AWSA Intensive Training Centre Program.

When Australia was beaten 1-0 by the USA in an Under 21 International in May this year, it was apparent that any gap in the quality of emerging players had narrowed dramatically as a result of the rapid development of women's soccer at all levels in Australia.

Just as important as the opportunities being provided to elite players is the development of the game at all participation levels including senior club soccer. It appears that, along with the ever increasing number of women playing the game, the standard of the game at senior level continues to be enhanced.

To the players, coaches and support staff in the 1997 Senior Championship I wish you every success during this week and in the tremendously exciting years ahead. I particularly congratulate those players achieving milestones in the number of years they have attended the Senior Championship. I am sure the sport of women's soccer will continue to provide you with opportunities at every level for enjoyment and friendship.

Lastly, to the organising committee of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation I wish you every success in convening the championship and in promoting and servicing the wonderful growth of women's soccer in the north of NSW.

Warren Fisher, Chief Executive Officer

The Championship Week

Championship Manager:

Margaret Fulham 02 - 93397244 (w) 02 - 43291195 (ah)

Liaison Officers:

Cath Rizzi	02 - 49525339 (h)	02 - 49671500 (w)
Alan Nisbet	02 - 49648922	Mobile 0412 - 438643
Jacqui Purcell	02 - 49648922	Office hours 9.00am - 5.00pm

Coaches / Managers Meeting

Date: Saturday 20th September
Venue: Radisson Hotel - Cnr King / Steel Streets Newcastle
Time: Ph. 02 - 49263777
7.30pm

Promotional Night - Newcastle Harness Racing Club

Date: Saturday 20th September
Venue: International Paceway - Broadmeadow
Time: 6.30pm

Opening Ceremony / Championship Kick-Off

Date: Sunday 21st September 1997
Opening: 10.00am
Kick - off: 11.00am QLD V NT

AWSA Seminar- Reaching for the Stars:

Challenges for the Female Athlete

Date: Monday 22nd September 1997
Venue: Radisson Hotel - Cnr King / Steel Streets Newcastle.
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Cost: Free for Championship Participants/ Administrators.
\$5.00 per person

Convener: Janette Spencer

Presentation Night / Dinner:

Date: Saturday 27th September 1997
Venue: Wallsend RSL Club - 5 Tyrell Street Wallsend
Time: Ph. 02 - 49517000
7.00pm

Championship Tee - Shirts:

Available at a cost of \$20.00. (L, XL, XXL)

Australian Womens Soccer Association

AWSA NATIONAL SQUADS

1997 OAP Squad

Dianne Alagich	Belinda Kitching
Sharon Black	Tracie McGovern
Katrina Boyd	Kristy Moore
Lisa Casagrande	Jo Peters
Lizzy Claydon	Kim Revell
Sarah Cooper	Cheryl Salisbury
Lisa Dunne	Bridgette Starr
Bryony Duus	Kristen Swaffer
Alicia Ferguson	Tammie Thornton
Alison Forman	Sacha Wainwright
Sonia Gegenhuber	Tracey Wheeler
Kelly Golebiowski	Amy Wilson
Sunni Hughes	Shelly Youman
Angela Iannotta	

Train On Squad

Melissa Barbieri	Georgette Leake
Traci Bartlett	Julie Murray
Louise Bisby	Joanne Powell
Jo Butland	Jodie Randell
Trudy Diamond	Sue Read
Cindy Doyle	Taryn Rockall
Kristy Dugamanov	Anissa Tann-Darby
Sarah Fitzgerald	Amy Taylor
Sarah Garven	Leigh Terek
Jackie Hadden	Michelle Watson
Ashley Hewson	Lindsay Whiddett

1996 Junior All-Star Team

A. Beattie, K. Wensley, M. Bond, P. Claire Hepperlin, A. Hewison,
B. Short, A. Wilson, M. Barbieri, R. Reeves, M. McKenzie, J. Halfpenny.

1996 Youth All-Star Team

J. Butland, A. Taylor, L. Whiddett, K. Dugamanov, N. Klessatiel,
A. Mann, T. Rockall, N. Davis, M. Barbieri, K. Golebiowski, S. Cosic.

1996 Senior All-Star Team

T. Wheeler, J. Powell, T. Bartlett, K. Yardin, K. Swaffer, J. Peters, B. Starr,
S. Black, S. Cooper, J. Halfpenny, K. Mehan

Australian Womens Senior Championship Previous Winners

YEAR	VENUE	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
1974	Sydney	NSW	NNSW/WA
1975	Brisbane	WA	SQLD
1976	Melbourne	NSW	VIC
1977	Perth	NSW	SQLD
1978	Newcastle	WA	NSW
1979	Darwin	NSW	VIC
1980	Adelaide	NSW	NNSW
1981	Sydney	NSW	SQLD
1982	Brisbane	SQLD	NNSW
1983	Perth	NSW	SQLD
1984	Canberra	SQLD	SA
1985	Melbourne	NSW	SQLD
1986	Adelaide	NSW	SQLD
1987	Alice Springs	VIC	NNSW
1988	Newcastle	NSW	SQLD
1989	Canberra	VIC	SQLD
1990	Sydney	NSW/NNSW	SQLD
1991	Canberra	SQLD	NSW
1992	Brisbane	VIC	QLD
1993	Perth	NSW	QLD
1994	Melbourne	NSW	VIC
1995	Adelaide	NSW	QLD
1996	Darwin	NSW	SA

The Championship Rules

ABRIDGED FROM AND TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE "AWSA CHAMPIONSHIP RULES"

1. ELIGIBILITY The National championships are open to teams representing single State Associations which are affiliated with the AWSA. The "Open" National Championships are open to players of all ages.
2. LAWS The tournament matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as contained in the Referees Chart and Players Guide to the Laws of the Game (current edition) as published by the Football Association (England) and as modified by these Playing Rules.
3. BALL SIZE A size 5 ball must be used in all matches.
4. MATCH DURATION
 - (a) Duration of all matches will be 2 x 35 minute halves, with a half time period of no less than 5 minutes and no more than 10 minutes.
 - (b) Injury time will be allowed at the referee's sole discretion.
5. SQUAD SIZE State squads may consist of no more than 18 players and 4 officials.
6. SQUAD LIST A final squad list must be presented to the AWSA prior to the first match of the tournament. No change to this list may be made thereafter. Only players on the final list may play in the tournament.
7. TEAM SHEETS
 - (a) AWSA approved team sheets must be used for each match.
 - (b) Completed team sheets must be given to the Referees Convenor no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off of each match.
8. SUBSTITUTES The team sheet for each match may list up to 7 reserves but only 5 of these reserves may be used in any one match. The substitutes may be used at any time.
9. UNIFORMS The standard uniform requirement must be in accordance with FIFA rulings and comprise shirt (short or long sleeved), soccer shorts, long socks. Tracksuit pants may be worn by goalkeepers.

Players shirt numbers must accord with the final list presented to the AWSA and remain consistent throughout the tournament.

Sponsorship advertising on shirts is permitted. Logos and letters must not be larger than 8cm high.

Bicycle shorts and lycra tights will be permitted if they are above the knee only and the same colour as the predominant colour of the soccer shorts.
10. COLOURS
 - (a) States must ensure that player's uniform is in accordance with the description notified to the AWSA.
 - (b) Each State must have a second uniform in a different colour in case of colour clash with opposing team.
 - (c) Should there be a colour clash then the AWAY TEAM as defined in the AWSA Championship Rules will be required to change its uniform.
11. POINTS will be awarded for each match as follows:
 - (a) win - 3 points
 - (b) draw - 1 point
 - (c) loss - no pointsIf for any reason a State reports that it cannot field a team on a certain day during the tournament then the opposing team will be awarded two goals and three points.

The Championship Rules

12. CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE Teams will be ranked on the championship table in the following order from highest to lowest:
 - (i) number of points awarded, then
 - (ii) goal difference, then
 - (iii) number of wins, then
 - (iv) number of goals scoredIf teams cannot be separated on these criteria then they will be declared joint placegetters.
13. CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
 - (a) The leading team after Day 6 of this championship will receive the Association Trophy.
 - (b) The match on Day 7 will be a Final played between the two teams leading the table to decide the Championship. The winner of the Final will be declared Champion.
 - (c) In the event that two teams are absolutely equal in second place at the end of the preliminary rounds these teams will compete in a playoff match at a mutually agreed time before the scheduled final.
 - (d) If the States involved cannot agree on a time for the playoff match the Tournament Organiser will determine the time.
 - (e) The playoff will consist of 2 x 20 minute halves with penalty kicks to determine the winner if the score is drawn at full time.
 - (f) Should the Final be a draw at full time there will be a five minute break followed by extra time of 2 x 20 minutes. If the result is still a draw then penalty kicks (as per FIFA regulations) will determine the winner.
 - (g) In the event of a Final being cancelled or abandoned the winners of the Association Trophy will be declared Champion.
14. DISCIPLINE
 - Yellow Cards - After receiving three yellow cards during the tournament player is automatically suspended for one match.
 - Red Cards - Any player given a red card is automatically suspended for at least one match. Should the Chair of the Judiciary committee decide that the offence may warrant a longer suspension then the matter may be referred to the Judiciary committee.
 - Suspensions - Any suspensions imposed will be for Championship matches only and must be carried forward if necessary to the next Championship at which the player is a competitor whether or not the next such Championship is for the same age group
 - Any player suspended will, for the match or matches for which she is suspended:
 - (i) not wear the team strip;
 - (ii) not sit on the team bench; and
 - (iii) not be listed on the team sheet.
 - Behaviour of players and officials - All players and officials in the reserves area are to remain seated during play. The act of standing to shout instructions shall be deemed to be "coaching from the sidelines" and may be treated accordingly by the referee.
15. FACILITIES
 - Field Sizes.
 - (a) The approved minimum field width and length are 64 metres and 90 metres respectively.
 - (b) The approved maximum field width and length are 75 metres and 110 metres respectively.
 - Dressing Rooms and Benches.

Separate dressing rooms, marked "Home" and "Away" will be allocated for each team in a match.

Separate bench areas will be allocated for each team near the half way line. Only players and officials of the competing teams, medical staff and match officials will be permitted in these areas, known as the "reserves area".

1997 AWSA Senior National Championship Draw

1. NSW
2. South Australia
3. Northern NSW
4. Western Australia
5. Victoria
6. Queensland
7. Northern Territory
8. Tasmania

Sunday 21st September

11.00am	Queensland	v	Northern Territory
12.40pm	South Australia	v	Tasmania
2.20pm	New South Wales	v	Northern NSW
4.00pm	Victoria	v	Western Australia

Monday 22nd September

10.00am	Northern NSW	v	South Australia
11.40am	Northern Territory	v	Victoria
1.20pm	Western Australia	v	New South Wales
3.00pm	Tasmania	v	Queensland

Tuesday 23rd September

10.00am	South Australia	v	Western Australia
11.40am	Northern NSW	v	Tasmania
1.20pm	Victoria	v	Queensland
3.00pm	New South Wales	v	Northern Territory

Wednesday 24th September

10.00am	Tasmania	v	Victoria
11.40am	Queensland	v	New South Wales
1.20pm	Northern Territory	v	South Australia
3.00pm	Western Australia	v	Northern NSW

Thursday 25th September

10.00am	New South Wales	v	Victoria
11.40am	South Australia	v	Queensland
1.20pm	Western Australia	v	Tasmania
3.00pm	Northern NSW	v	Northern Territory

Friday 26th September

10.00am	Western Australia	v	Queensland
11.40am	Northern NSW	v	Victoria
1.20pm	Northern Territory	v	Tasmania
3.00pm	South Australia	v	New South Wales

Saturday 27th September

2.00pm Final

1997 AWSA Senior National Championship Points Table

TEAM	NNSW	QLD	VIC	NSW	WA	SA	NT	TAS	GF	GA	PTS
NNSW											
QLD											
VIC											
NSW											
WA											
SA											
NT											
TAS											

FINAL:

Winner: _____ R/up: _____

PLACINGS:

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____



Northern NSW

COLOURS

White/Black

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Rebecca Perrett	NNSW
2	Joanne Powell	NNSW
3	Bridgette Starr	NNSW
4	Kristy Dugomanov	NNSW
5	Trudy Diamond	NNSW
6	Tracie McGovern	NNSW
7	Jodie Randall	NNSW
8	Melissa Bagwell	NNSW
9	Shelley Youman	NNSW
10	Tracy Baker	NNSW
11	Kristy Palozzi	NNSW
12	Lisa Richards	NNSW
13	Libby Marshall	NNSW
14	Sue Rogers	NNSW
15	Angie Schiebel	NNSW
16	Pelay Ingles	NNSW
17	Samantha Walsh	NNSW
18	Kasey Sparks	NNSW

COACH

Mark Jones

MANAGER

Milly Dugomanov

TRAINER

John Wolinski

Northern Territory

COLOURS

Black/White

NO.	NAME	CLUB
2	Sam Bamber	Mindil Aces
3	Leonie Richards	Mindil Aces
4	Erika Sauzier	Hellenic
5	Tanya Dyer	RSL F-Troop
6	Nicole Green	RSL F-Troop
7	Gemina Corpus	Coonawarra Aces
8	Jo Posgate	Hellenic
9	Sarah Groube	ACT
10	Belinda Preston	Mindil Aces
11	Sarah Cooper	NTIS
12	Tiffany Van de Werken	Mindil Aces
13	Lucy Allen	RSL F-Troop
14	Leona Main	RSL F-Troop
15	Debbie Parsons	RSL F-Troop
16	Wendy Taylor	Mindil Aces
17	Traci Bartlett	ACT
18	Cindy Doyle	
19	Belinda Anderson	RSL F-Troop

COACH

George Dunning, Sandi Ford

MANAGER

Wendy Taylor

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Leane Caton



Soccer NSW

COLOURS

Sky Blue/Dark Blue

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Jenny Praszczalek	UWS Macarthur
2	Danielle Clarke	NSWIS
3	Kristen Spinner	Eastern Suburbs
4	Lisa Warrener	Marconi
5	Kaye Yardin	Sutherland
6	Anissa Tann-Darby	NSWIS
7	Kristie Smith	Sydney United
8	Alison Hayes	Sydney United
9	Taryn Rockall	NSWIS
10	Nicole Davis	NSWIS
11	Melissa Denning	Sutherland
12	Rebecca Kilpatrick	Sutherland
13	Ashleigh Hewson	NSWIS
14	Gillian Thompson	NSWIS
15		
16	Belinda Barter	Sutherland

COACH

Connie Selby

MANAGER

Ben Page

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Craig Hewatt

TOUR DIRECTOR

Jodie Camden

REFEREE

Tracey Moloney

Queensland

COLOURS

White/Maroon

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Claire Nichols	QUT / City
2	Lisa Wilkes	Easts Mt Gravatt
3	Alana Rojhan	Aston Villa
4	Leanne Augustine	Redlands
5	Tula Junna	Leichardt
6	Mia Thompson	QUT / City
7	Suzanne Quintieri	Mareeba
8	Susan Rawlings	QUT / City
9	Gay Thomas	Aston Villa
10	Raeanne Dower	Newmarket
11	Melissa Cowie	Berserker
12	Kate Gleeson	Redlands
13	Joanne Healy	QUT / City
14	Alison Williams	Nerang
15	Dawn Millard	The Gap
16	Jacqui Cowell	Diggers
17	Debbie Campbell	Aston Villa
18	Karen Crosswell	Aston Villa

COACH

Fred Robins

MANAGER

Lesley Mann

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Paul Parker



South Australia

COLOURS

Blue/Red

NO	NAME	CLUB
1	Robyn Hall	Campbelltown City
2	Rosy Gulino	Adelaide United
3	Nicole Leonardis	Metro Knights
4	Maria Doyle	Elizabeth City
5	Rebecca Blacker	West Adelaide
6	Anne Cameron	Elizabeth City
7	Jenny Stupple	Magill Infernos
8	Belinda Gawlik	Elizabeth City
9	Lia Augumeri	Metro Knights
10	Bess Hepworth	West Adelaide
11	Marie Spagnoletti	Metro Knights
12	Tiffany Winn	Sturt Marion
13	Cosi Costanzo	Metro Knights
14	Sandy Forte	Metro Knights
15	Dora Altintas	West Adelaide
16	Natalie Thomas	Sturt Marion
17	Franca DiBartolo	Metro Knights
18	Shannon Kunst	Elizabeth Vale

COACH

Carl Maynard

MANAGER

Franca DiBartolo

ASS.COACH/TRAINER

Julie Anderson

TOUR LEADER

Debra Rodda

Tasmania

COLOURS

Red/White

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Carolyn Lynch	Ulverstone
2	Rebecca Wheatley	West'n Suburbs Knights
3	Karen Lawler	Kingborough
4	Anna Mitchell	Metro-Claremont
5	Naomi Denne	Nelson
6	Sarah Fitzgerald	Nelson
7	Zoe Nolan	Kingborough
8	Shelley Cook	Nelson
9	Stacey Brown	Nelson
10	Lisa Perry	Kingborough
11	Jane Taylor	South Hobart
12	Chelsea Smith	West'n Suburbs Knights
13	Karen Clark	Nelson
14	Kara Browning	Nelson
15	Brooke Whiley-Browning	West'n Suburbs Knights
16	Megan Hingston	West'n Suburbs Knights
17	Elizabeth Ratcliffe	Launceston
18	Kelly Gower	Nelson

COACH

Ossie Fitzgerald

MANAGER

Jeanette Fitzgerald, Don Rawlings

ASSISTANT

Vince Grimes



Victoria

COLOURS

Navy/White

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Mandy Whitelaw	South Melbourne
2	Denise Wright	Cranbourne
3	Anita Ashdown	Westvale
4	Jennifer Papic <i>Poyer</i>	Westvale
5	Wendy Kinmont <i>McEvoy</i>	Westvale
6	Kate Walker	South Melbourne
7	Lee-Anne Hamilton	Cranbourne
8	Amy Kilpatrick <i>Sori</i>	Melbourne
9	Leigh Terek	Cranbourne
10	Kathy Zacharopoulos	Cranbourne
11	Debbie Nichols	Cranbourne
12	Karol Cobanov <i>Chen</i>	Westvale
13	Lisa Davis	Westvale
14	Belinda Powell <i>Poyer</i>	Cranbourne
15	Belinda Panella	Westvale
16	Carla Crawford	Westvale
17	Despina Valavanis <i>Fana</i>	South Melbourne
18	Helen Klerides	Heidelberg Utd

COACH

Jane Oakley

MANAGER

Shaun Jones

ASSISTANT

Melinda Marty

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Michelle Mitchell

Western Australia

COLOURS

Black/Gold

NO.	NAME	CLUB
1	Lisa Beatty	Stirling Reds
2	Penny Tanner	Perth
3	Jo Lembo	Perth
4	Tal Karp	Falcons HPC
5	Sarah Gawned	Stirling Reds
6	Audrey Williams	Stirling Reds
7	Michelle Mathews	Stirling Reds
8	Tanya Oxtoby	Fremantle
9	Penny Baalman	Bunbury
10	Debbie Eve	Fremantle
11	Diane Reeves	Stirling Reds
12	Luciano Colangelo	Stirling Reds
13	Linda Kelly	Bunbury
14	Elaine Anderson	Bunbury
15	Selina Holtze	Perth
16	Terry Ferraro	Fremantle
17	Debbie Gorton	Fremantle
18	Leigh Tempest	Perth

COACH

Richard McGinn

MANAGER

Jill Mateljan

ASSISTANT

Shirley Gardiner

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Jacqui Purcell

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Paul Wade
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Chris Miner

Member of Parliament(Wallsend) • John Mills

Newcastle Harness Racing Club • Ross Gigg

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